(d) whether it has been alleged that the innocent people are also harassed in the operation; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) 2533 ULFA activists have been apprehended by the Army in Operation Rhino.

(b) 662 weapons have been recovered. It is not possible to assess the value of these weapons.

(c) So 35 ULFA activists have been apprehended by the Army from the nighbouring States;

(d) and (e). Some allegations regarding harassment by the army have been received. These are being investigated. All efforts are being made to ensure that innocent people are not harassed.

[*Translation*]

Out of Turn Allotment of Telephone Connections

505. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1304 on 1-8-1991 and state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of the inquiry held by vigilance branch regarding out of turn allotment of telephone connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the concerned persons in this regard?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). On the basis of the report of the Vigilance Branch, the matter has been handed over to the C.B.I. for detailed investigation.

[*English*]

Civil Defence Training in Orissa

506. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides Civil Defence Training facilities at (i) National level, (ii) State level; and (iii) a local/town level and also provide training on Disaster Relief Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of persons provided such training during the last two years, years-wise and district-wise in Orissa;

(c) whether the Government have taken/propose to take into account the necessities of disanster/natural calamity prone States like Orissa and train more persons in Civil Defence Disaster Relief Management; and

(d) the strength of Civil Defence volunteers district wise in Orissa as on 31.7.91 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The Government provides Civil Defence Training facilities at (i) National level (ii) State level and (iii) at Civil Defence town level. Though the Disaster Relief Management is not within the purview of the Civil Defence Act, 1968, however, elementary training of the subject is being imparted

at national level at National Civil Defence College, Nagpur.

(b) Civil Defence training is not conducted District-wise but it is imparted to Civil Defence volunteers only is categorised Civil Defence towns. Number of persons provided Civil Defence training in 6 categorised Civil Defence town in Orissa during 1989 is 3002 and during 1990 is 3942.

(c) Disaster/Natural calamity does not fall under the purview of Civil Defence Act, 1968. "Civil Defence" includes any measures not amounting to actual combat against hostile enemy action only.

(d) As per (b) above. Civil Defence measures are adopted only in categorised Civil Defence towns. The raised strength of Civil Defence volunteers in six categorised towns as on 30.6.1991 is 5456.

S.T.D. Facilities in Teekamgarh/Chattarpur

507. KUMARI UMA BHARTI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to expand, modernise and provide the S.T.D. facility in the various telephone exchanges in the districts of Teekamgarh and Chattarpur; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are as under:

Chattarpur District:

9 out of 17 telephone exchanges have already been replaced by modern electronic exchange of suitable capacity.

Remaining 8 telephone exchanges have been planned for replacement by modern electronic exchanges progressively during 1991-92 and 1992-93.

ii) STD facility from Chattarpur DHQ has been planned during 1991-92 and from other places progressively during 8th Five Year Plan

Teekamgarh District:

i) 6 out of 14 telephone exchanges have already been replaced by modern electronic exchanges of suitable capacity.

The remaining 8 telephone exchanges have been planned for replacement by electronic exchanges of suitable capacity progressively during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94.

ii) STD facility from Teekamgarh DHQ has been planned during 1991-92 and from other places progressively during 8th Five Year Plan.

Power projects in India

508. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: